



Delegate Agencies of the City Implementing Kindergarten

KLRN-TV

KLRN was founded in 1962 as an educational public broadcasting station and now provides public broadcasting programming and complementary services to San Antonio and 33 south central Texas counties. KLRN, governed by the Alamo Public Telecommunications Council, is a non-profit corporation. The mission of KLRN is to use the power of telecommunications to provide quality programs and services which advance education, culture and community to enrich the lives of people throughout South Central Texas. KLRN has redefined its Education Program in a comprehensive effort to improve the utility of its existing programs and bolster the teaching skills of parents, childcare providers and educators. By drawing all of the stations various educational projects under one cohesive umbrella -- The Learning Place [™] -- KLRN is increasing public awareness of the station's many educational opportunities and reinforcing its longstanding tradition of support of education.

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Family Service Association was founded in March of 1903 and its mission of strengthening families has remained constant. Through programs that provide counseling to families, assistance to the elderly, youth programs and dependent care issues, Family Service Association has always sought to meet the ever-changing need of families in its community. Most recently, extensive involvement in early care and education for young children, helping families provide it for their children, and educating child care providers has been a specific goal. Four traits have always characterized Family Service Association: innovative programs, collaboration with others in the community, responsible fiscal management and an abiding dedication to families.

AVANCE

By providing support and education services to low-income families, AVANCE strives to strengthen the family unit; enhance parenting skills that nurture the optimal development of children; promote educational success and foster the personal and economic success of parents. The focus of AVANCE is community-based intervention that is family-centered, preventive, comprehensive and continuous through integration and collaboration of services.

The purpose of AVANCE is to:

- Provide direct services whereby: parents and children can realize their fullest potential; families are strengthened; child abuse and neglect, and educational problems in young children are prevented; and the economic conditions of the family are stabilized.
- Conduct research on the conditions and factors associated with poverty and other social/economic problems in high-risk communities. Conduct evaluation on the effectiveness of the delivery of services.
- Operate a national training center to share and disseminate information, material and curriculum to service providers and policy makers interested in supporting high-risk Hispanic families.

YWCA

The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), established in 1910, is the nation's oldest and largest autonomous women's membership organization. The YWCA is a leader in programming for the San Antonio community and noted for services that meet the specific need of families who exist at the poverty level. In keeping with its mission, YMCA creates innovative programs for developing human potential by empowering individuals to become independent and self-sufficient.

Today, the YWCA has grown to include among its numerous programs:

- Child Care Services - Child care services for low-income minority women
- Olga Madrid Sports Center - Sports, recreational and self esteem activities for at-risk Westside youth
- Project Better Future - Youth learn life skills and build self-esteem in order to diminish high-risk behaviors such as teen pregnancy
- Mi Carrera - A program for Westside teens that is designed to prevent school dropout.
- Parents and Children Together (PACT) - Parents and other family members learn about child development and become active participants in the education of their children

EVEN START Family Literacy Program Adult & Community Education Department Northside Independent School District

EVEN START is a family-focused literacy program intended to improve the educational opportunities of Northside ISD's children and parents by integrating early childhood education and adult education for parents as a unified program. An innovative combination of adult basic education, parenting education and early childhood education, the EVEN START program has three goals: (1) to help parents become full partners in the education of their children, (2) to assist children in reaching their full potential as learners; and (3) to provide literacy training for their parents.

The mission of the EVEN START Family Literacy Program is to facilitate the educational opportunities of parents and children by integrating early childhood education and adult education into a unified program, to enhance their literacy and life skills, and to improve the communication among child, parent, school and community. EVEN START also strives to empower families to explore and face new educational and societal challenges by allowing for real-life applications within a classroom setting, and to encourage them to become life long learners.

POSITIVE BEGINNINGS

A "positive beginning" sets the course for success. Since 1968, Positive Beginnings has provided early childhood development programs to help children set sail for the stars. Positive Beginnings, Inc. is a non-profit corporation chartered in 1979. The organization formerly did business as "Victoria Courts Child Care Center, Inc." but changed its name in 1998. Expanding its reach to other areas beyond Victoria Courts, Positive Beginnings seeks to ensure that all children – no matter where they grow up – have the personal resources to make their own way in the world beyond their neighborhoods. Recognizing how critical early childhood development is for the child, Positive Beginnings provides quality child care programs and an Early Childhood Teacher Training program. Positive Beginnings is dedicated to:

- Providing child care to low income families, primarily to the residents of the inner-city
- Improving the family situation by enabling parents to seek or retain employment or enter job training
- Cooperating with other agencies to improve social services within the inner-city and the community at large.